



LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
**Minutes of Monthly Meeting**  
**December 16, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. This meeting was advertised on the Township Website Blog as in-person at the Township municipal building and on LTEC's Facebook page.

**Roll Call:** Present: Chair Larry Supp, Vice-Chair Doug Hankin, Martine Kieffer, first alternate Diane Gonski, Rich Larsen, and Maureen Bonner  
Absent: Sarah Longo, and Doug Wright

**Public Comment: None**

**Approval of minutes:** October 21, 2021, Minutes – Motion was made by Rich Larson to approve, seconded by Doug Hankin. All in favor.

**Communications:** Damn Safety Inspection Report – to be distributed for review

**Old Business:**

- **Yard waste removal update:**
  - An inquiry was made with Warren County Solid Waste Coordinator, David K. Dech. The interest was negative, as there is no space or personnel to run a program.
  - PCFA (Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County) does not accept yard waste.
  - S. Rotondi & Sons Harmony Compost Facility is open to Warren County residents for a fee
  - Gary W. Gray Trucking may be a possibility
- **Peaceful garden update (end of season maintenance and QR code posting)** – Additional end of season maintenance has been done and QR code signs are ready for posting. Idea was presented to use existing metal pipes to mount bird houses.
- **Trash removal around the lake (continued discussion from last month)** – A Clean Communities program managed by the Lake Association offers reimbursement for time and effort spent on trash pick-up around the lake.

**New Business**

- **Lake monitoring update** – Monitoring has ended for the season. Data was submitted to Princeton Hydro who will be providing the Lake Association with a report. Results to be discussed at the next Lake Association Meeting.

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- **Solitude chemical/treatment safety findings:**
  - The EPA has deemed the chemicals safe for children to swim in, but not safe for people to drink.
  - Subcommittee is looking into mat to control weeds instead of chemicals
  - Discussion with Solitude to begin herbicide treatments earlier in the season
  - After circulating a report on herbicide safety regarding children swimming, a motion was made by Larry Supp to recommend closing the beach for 24-hours after all chemical/herbicide treatments. Solitude to provide service dates and reports. Township should be responsible for posting the notices. Motion was seconded by Doug Hankin. All in favor.
- **EC events and/or workshop ideas to be considered (to be discussed in January):**
  - Dark skies workshop with Maria
  - How to deer proof your garden workshop
  - Composting workshop
  - Audubon workshop
  - Highlands workshop via ANJEC
  - Ideas for replacing single use plastic bags to be banned May 2022
  - Promotion of rinsing recyclables to reduce contamination
- **2022 Budget Preparation** – It was agreed that no changes would be requested
- **LTEC Member Positions** – Maureen Bonner will be stepping down after her December 31, 2021, expiration of term. This leaves two open positions.

**Commission Member Reports:** Solitude chemical/treatment safety findings report

**Approval of Expenditures:** ANJEC 2022 Membership - \$400. Rich made a motion to approve out of the 2022 budget, Diane seconded. All in favor.

**Commissioner and Public Comments**

**Adjournment:** 8.28 PM

**NEXT MEETING January 20, 2022**